

Amendments to the Claims

Please add new claim 13, and amend claims 1, 3 to 5, and 8 as indicated below:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A package packaging fresh fish or other perishable food items comprising ~~at least three polymer film layers that are laminated or coextruded with each other covering packaged fish or other food item wherein the multiple polymer film layers include~~ at least one adsorbent film layer consisting essentially of at least one adsorbent polymer, ~~the adsorbent polymer in and of itself without the addition of, said adsorbent polymer consisting essentially of a copolymer of ethylene with an α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and at least one zeolite or other similar active ingredients ingredient that adsorb-adsorbs amines being one that,~~ wherein said adsorbent film layer removes at least one volatile odiferous compounds-compound from a headspace between the multilayer polymer film and the packaged fresh fish or other packaged food item ~~inside of the package, and further wherein the adsorbent polymer consists essentially of a copolymer of ethylene with an α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms~~ the adsorbent film layer adsorbs amines in an amount sufficient to eliminate levels that are noisome but not eliminate levels that are indicative of dangerous deterioration of the fresh fish or other perishable food items.

Claim 2. (Original): The package of Claim 1, wherein the copolymer of ethylene and α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid has up to 99% of the carboxylic acid groups neutralized by metal ions.

Claim 3. (Currently amended): The package of Claim 13 ~~4 or Claim 2~~, wherein the multilayer polymer film has a sealant layer, the sealant layer being the layer of the film in direct contact with the packaged fish or other perishable food item, wherein the adsorbent layer is the sealant layer.

Claim 4. (Currently amended): The package of Claim 1 or Claim 2 wherein the ~~absorbent film layer additionally contains active ingredients selected from at least one zeolite zeolites or at least one other active ingredient adsorbs ingredients that adsorb amines in an amount sufficient to hinder the adsorbent film layer's adsorption of amines emanating from the fresh fish or other perishable feeds food items contained in package over a 72-hour period to a level below the level of adsorption that would occur over a 72-hour period without the zeolite or other active ingredient added to the adsorbent film layer so as to control the adsorption of odiferous compounds sufficiently to eliminate levels that are noisome but not eliminate levels that are indicative of dangerous deterioration of fish or perishable foods.~~

Claim 5. (Currently amended): The package of Claim 3 wherein the ~~absorbent film layer additionally contains active ingredients selected from at least one zeolite zeolites or at least one other active ingredient adsorbs ingredients that adsorb amines in an amount sufficient to hinder the adsorbent film layer's adsorption of amines emanating from the fresh fish or other perishable feeds food items contained in package over a 72-hour period to a level below the level of adsorption that would occur over a 72-hour period without the zeolite or other active ingredient added to the adsorbent film layer so as to control the adsorption of odiferous compounds sufficiently to eliminate levels that are noisome but not eliminate levels that are indicative of dangerous deterioration of fish or perishable foods.~~

Claim 6. (Original): The package of Claim 1 wherein the copolymer comprises from about 1 to about 50% of acid comonomer, by weight, based on the weight of the copolymer.

Claim 7. (Original): The package of Claim 5, wherein the copolymer comprises from about 2 to about 19% of acid comonomer, by weight, based on the weight of the copolymer.

Claim 8. (Previously presented): The package of claim 1, wherein the package headspace has a modified atmosphere.

Claim 9. (Withdrawn) A method for removing amines from the headspace of a modified atmosphere package useful for packaging fish or other perishable food items, said package having a multilayer film as part of its structure, comprising incorporating in the multilayer film at least one layer comprising at least one polymer comprising a copolymer of ethylene with an α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 9, wherein the layer incorporated in the multilayer film comprises at least one polymer comprising a copolymer of ethylene with an α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, said copolymer having up to 99% of the carboxylic acid groups neutralized by metal ions.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 10 further comprising the addition of an active ingredient having as one of its properties the ability to adsorb amines.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 wherein active ingredient is added in an amount sufficient to reduce the capacity of the adsorbent polymer to a level that the polymer, while absorbing enough amine to increase shelf life of packaged fish or other perishable food, does not absorb amine when present at a level that would indicate that the packaged fish or other perishable food is unfit for consumption.

Claim 13. (New) The package of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the package comprises a multilayer polymer film comprising at least three polymer film layers that are laminated or coextruded with each other, and wherein the at least three polymer film layers include the at least one adsorbent film layer.